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1. SUMMARY. GOVERNOR CHOBYO YARA'S DECISION TO ASK MITSUBISHI TO STOP WORK ON ITS CRUDE OIL STORAGE FACILITIES IN KIN BAY PROVOKED A COOL REACTION FROM THE OKINAWA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY,

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WHILE THE OKINAWA LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS DEMANDED THAT HE RESIGN, A*CO*DING TO PRESS REPORTS. END SUMMARY.

2. UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE "ASSOCIATION TO PROTECT KIN BAY", GOVERNOR YARA DECIDED3TO ASK MITSUBISHI OKINAWA DEVELOPMENT CORP. ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JAN 19 TO STOP WORK ON ITS \$80 MILLION PROJECT FOR A 14 MILLION

BBL CENTRAL TERMINAL SYSTEM (CTS) OIL STORAGE FACILITY IN KIN BAY. MITSUBISHI REPLIED IN A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT IT DID NOT INTEND TO STOP WORK ON THE PROJECT; HOWEVER, MITSUBISHI OKINAWA DEVELOPMENT CORP. MANAGING DIRECTOR SEISHI NOBUKUNI TOLD CONGEN JAN 16 THAT CONSTRUCTION OF 23 TANKS ON 23 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF LAND FILL HAD BEEN "TEMPORARILY POSTPONED".

3. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE OKINAWA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY IN TOKYO COMMENTED THAT GOVERNOR YARA'S DECISION MIGHT LEAD TO A RETHINKING OF GOJ ASSISTANCE IN OKINAWAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. MEANWHILE, THE OKINAWA LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS ASKED THAT YARA RESIGN.

4. COMMENT. THE RADICAL "ASSOCIATION TO PROTECT KIN BAY" HAS BUILT UP ITS ANTI-CTS CAMPAIGN SINCE LAST FALL. IT HAS REACHED SUCH A PITCH THAT YARA HAD TO GIVE IN TO THE ASSOCIATION'S DEMANDS. IT SEEMS TO US THAT YARA IS TRYING TO MAINTAIN HIS LEADERSHIP

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OF THE LEFTISTS, WHILE HOPING T*AT THE *OJ WILL FORCE HIM TO
APPROVE THE CTS FACILITY.

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